

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: BENC, RP  
SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: PAPER MILLS IN THE PHILIPPINES

REFS: A. STATE 041765, B. CALCUTTA 0293

1. THE MANILA PAPER MILL IS ACTIVELY PUSHING A PULP PAPER PROJECT IN BUTUAN CITY, AGUSAN DEL NORTE. ACTUAL CAPACITY IS 87,600 METRIC TONS PER YEAR WITH COST AT \$120 MILLION. ACCORDING TO ENGR. ELISEO SINGSON, VICE-PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS IN CHARGE OF THE PROJECT, ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS WITH SUPPLIERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 3 TO 4 MONTHS. SINGSON SAYS SOME EUROPEAN SUPPLIERS HAVE OFFERED FINANCING PACKAGES INCLUDING ONE WITH A 3 YEAR MORATORIUM ON PAYMENTS AND 8 YEARS TO PAY.

2. SINGSON SAYS HIS COMPANY WILL AVAIL OF ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY SERVICES WITHIN THE NEXT 4 MONTHS. OFFERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM STEDLER HERTER AND SIMONS OF CANADA AND ECONO OF FINLAND. SINGSON KNOWS OF REPUTATION OF RUST ENGINEERING AND WOULD WELCOME AN OFFER FROM THE COMPANY. HOWEVER, OFFER WILL HAVE TO COME SOON AS THE COMPETITORS ARE COMING TO DISCUSS THE PROJECT IN MARCH. SINGSON CAN BE CONTACTED AT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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ERMITA CENTER BUILDING  
MANILA, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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3. EMBASSY IS CONTINUING EFFORT TO GATHER HARD  
INFORMATION ON OTHER PROJECTS CITED REFTEL A.  
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